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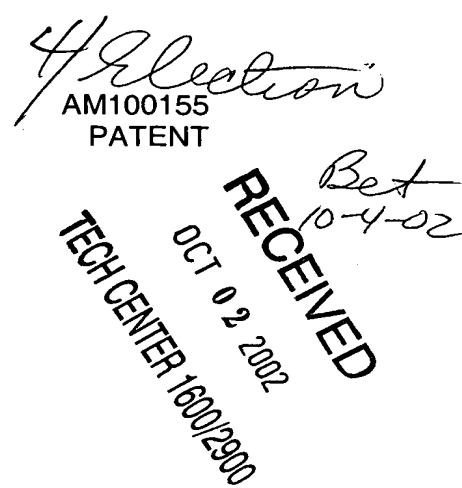
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002. In the Restriction Requirement, it is stated that the applicants are required to elect a single species for examination, and list all claims that read thereon. The applicants hereby elect the species of Claim 23 for examination. The applicants submit that this species is covered by Claims 1-14, 23, 25-31.

The applicants respectfully reserve their right to prosecute any non-elected subject matter in subsequent divisional applications pursuant to 35 USC 121. Examination of the elected subject matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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